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The substrate^{portion} where a pattern had been formed was thermally treated at 100°C in a chamber and was dried, which^{and} was then thermally treated at 300°C^{for} 2 hr. Then aluminum was vapor deposited as an upper electrode, and electric potential was ~~added~~^{applied} to measure the displacement of the substrate (vibration plate) by piezoelectric phenomenon. ✓

The piezoelectric characteristics represented by the displacement of the vibration plate ~~was more~~^{were} excellent^{and better} than that of a piezoelectric/electrostrictive film element produced by the conventional method. ✓

[Example 2]

1 g of fine powder PZT-PMN was added into methoxyethanol 300 ml and acetyl acetone 100 ml, ~~and~~ into which mixed solution, 4 g of PZT sol was added. Then it was dispersed for 30 minutes by a ultrasonic generator. Afterwards it was agitated by a magnetic stirrer. ✓

A SUS 316L plate fixed ~~of~~^{to a} nickel substrate and ~~mask~~^a was prepared as a work electrode and a SUS plate of ~~the~~^{the} same area was prepared as an opposite charge electrode. Then the electrodes were put into the suspension and were connected to ~~an~~^{an} electric supply to proceed^{duce} electrophoretic deposition at 70 V and 0.03 A for 10 minutes. ✓

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5 ^{the} substrate ^{portion} where pattern had been formed was thermally treated at 70°C in a chamber and was dried, ^{and} which was then thermally treated at 300°C ^{for} 2 hr. Then gold was vapor deposited as an upper electrode, and electric potential was ^{applied} added to measure the displacement of the substrate (vibration plate) by piezoelectric phenomenon. ✓

Piezoelectric characteristics represented by the displacement of the vibration plate ^{were} ~~was more~~ excellent ^{and better} than that of a piezoelectric/electrostrictive film element produced by the conventional method. ✓

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 The present invention relates to ~~A method for forming~~ ^{formed} piezoelectric/electrostrictive film element ^{at low temperature} using electrophoretic deposition, ~~the method comprising~~ ^{by method which includes} the steps of: ~~preparing a solution or a dispersed mixture containing~~ constituent ceramic elements by dissolving or dispersing the raw material of constituent ceramic elements in a solvent or a dispersion medium; ~~preparing a mixed solution by adding citric acid into the solution or the dispersed mixture in which the~~ constituent ceramic elements are dissolved or dispersed; ~~getting~~ ^{obt.} ultrafine ceramic oxide powder of particle size less than 1 μm with uniform particle diameter size distribution by forming ceramic oxide ~~without scattering over,~~ ^{by} nonexplosive oxidative-reductive combustion reaction by thermally treating the mixed solution at 100-500°C; preparing a suspension by dispersing the ultrafine ceramic oxide powder in an organic dispersant; preparing ceramic sol solution by dissolving constituent ceramic elements of ^{the} same or similar constituent ^{as} with the ultrafine ceramic oxide powder in water or an organic solvent; ~~dispersing~~ ^{by} mixing the suspension ~~in which the ultrafine ceramic oxide powder is dispersed~~ with the ceramic sol solution; forming a piezoelectric/electrostrictive film element by submerging a substrate into ^{the mixture} ~~the suspension which the ultrafine ceramic oxide powder and the ceramic sol solution are mixed~~ and then by performing electrophoretic deposition; and thermally treating the piezoelectric/electrostrictive film element at 100-600°C.

Also the present invention relates to a piezoelectric/electrostrictive film element produced by the